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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

U.S. Patent No. 4,354,570 is submitted herewith as an English-language counterpart to German Patent No. 9202785.7 U1.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a European Search Report mailed April 16, 2004 citing the remaining documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

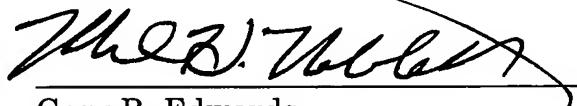
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